



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Livermore, CA

February 25, 2012

STAFF REPORT: Legislation Update
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SUBJECT: California and Federal Legislation Update

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and status of bills that may affect the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program. Information contained in this report is accurate as of February 14, 2012. Changes in status of some bills, or introduction of new bills, may occur between the date this report was prepared and the Commission meeting date.

Discussion

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE

Background

The Legislature reconvened on January 4, 2012 for the second year of the 2011-2012 legislative Session. The Session will last until August 31, 2012. February 24, 2012 is the last day for bills to be introduced for the second Session.

The 2011 California Legislative Session did not produce any chaptered legislation that directly amended the OHMVR Act. However, a number of bills related to California State Parks and renewable energy were passed that may affect the OHMVR Division Program indirectly; those bills can be referred to, and were outlined in previous Legislation Updates.

Below is a summary and status of new bills introduced since the last Commission meeting and a status of bills carried over from the 2011 Session.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 64 (Jeffries) State Parks: Closure: Operating Agreements

Summary: This bill would have made a statement of legislative findings and declarations, including the intent of the Legislature to encourage the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to actively seek to negotiate operating agreements with local governments who have the interest and capacity to assist the state in operating a state park, to minimize the number of state parks that could otherwise be subject to closure due to the budget challenges facing the state.

Status: 2/1/2012 – This bill died in Committee.

AB 1589 (Huffman, Chesbro, Dickinson) State Parks: Sustainability and Protection

Summary: Existing law requires the Department to achieve any required budget reductions by closing, partially closing, and reducing services at selected units of the state park system, based on specified factors. This bill would instead authorize the Department to achieve any required budget reductions by implementing efficiencies, increasing revenue collection, and closing, partially closing, or reducing services at selected units of the state park system, but would limit to 25 state park units the number of units subject to closure between 2012 to 2016. This bill contains other provisions including the following.

- Revises the factors the Department is required to use as a basis for determining which units of the state park system are to be closed, and would require the Department to document and publicly disclose the methodology, rationale, and scoring system used to evaluate and select parks designated for closure.
- Enacts the California State Park Stewardship Act of 2012, which would require the Department to develop and implement a prioritized action plan to increase revenues and the collection of user fees at state parks.
- Creates the California State Park Enterprise Fund in the State Treasury, and would require that moneys in the fund be only expended for specified purposes relating to (a) the capital costs of construction and installation of new revenue and fee collection equipment and technologies, (b) other costs of restoration and rehabilitation of the state park system, and (c) costs to the Department to develop and implement the prioritized action plan.
- Requires the sum of \$25 million dollars be transferred from the unexpended balance of bond funds made available to the Department under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, and be deposited into the fund, and expended for the purposes of the bill.
- Allows taxpayers to designate on their tax returns a specified amount in excess of their tax liability be transferred to the California State Parks Protection Fund, which would be created by the bill, to be used for the purchase of an annual state park day use access pass.

- Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department, to design and make available for issuance special State Parks license plates. Fees would go to support State Parks.
- This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Status: 2/7/2012 - This bill was introduced on February 6 and may be heard in Committee on or after March 8.

SENATE BILLS

SB 356 (Blakeslee) State Parks: Local Operating Agreements

Summary: As amended, this bill would have requiree the Department, if it proposes to fully close a unit of the state park system, with no planned public access, to notify the county or city in which the unit is located. The bill would also have required the Department to enter into negotiations with a county or city that notifies the Department of its intention to take over the operation and maintenance of a unit of the state park system in response to the Department's notice.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor. It was sent back to the Senate for consideration of the Governor's veto.

Status: 1/19/2012 - Veto sustained.

SB 386 (Harman) State Parks: Proposed Closure

Summary: This bill would require the Department to post on its internet website, at least 30 days prior to the date the Department plans to close a unit of the state park system to public access, specified information about the proposed park closure, including information about how to contact the Department in writing if an individual or other party is interested in entering into negotiations with the Department for a contract or agreement to lease, operate, maintain, or provide concessions at a unit of the state park system that is proposed to be closed.

Status: 9/21/2011 - This bill was vetoed by the Governor. It is back in the Senate; consideration of the Governor's veto is pending.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

SB 825 (Corbett) State Parks and Recreation: State Parks and Recreation Fund.

Existing law generally requires all revenues received by the Department be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Parks and Recreation Fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure for State Parks. However, existing law requires that money received by the Department from the sale of publications be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. This bill would instead require that this money be paid into the State Parks and Recreation Fund.

Status: 1/19/2012 - This bill passed the Senate. It is now in the Assembly and was read for the first time on January 19, 2012.

SB 974 (Evans) State Parks: Proposed Closure

Summary: Existing law authorizes the Department to enter into agreements between the Department and federal and local governments and other public agencies for the care, maintenance, administration, and control of lands under the jurisdiction of any party to this agreement for the purpose of the state park system, as prescribed. This bill would require the Department, by July 1, 2013, to conduct a review to reexamine the list of park closures in the state announced by the Department in May 2011. The bill would also require the following.

- The Department to develop and implement a transparent park closure review process that includes specified elements.
- The Department, beginning on July 1, 2013, and annually by July 1 of each year thereafter, to make a determination on the status of any park included on the May 2011 park closure list and on any other park not on that list that may be scheduled for future closure, based on the above-described park closure review process.
- The Department, by July 1, 2013, to present to the State Parks Commission and the Legislature a revised list of park closures, based upon the park closure review process prescribed by the bill.
- The bill would prohibit the closure of any other units of the state park system until the requirements of the bill are fulfilled.

Status: 2/2/2012 - This bill was introduced on January 19 and may be acted upon on or after February 19. It was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

SB 1073 (Gaines) State Parks: Development of New Facilities: General Plan

Summary: Existing law requires the Department, prior to the development of any new facilities in any previously classified unit of the state park system, to prepare a general plan or revise any existing plan for the unit. This bill would require the Department revise instead any relevant existing plan for the unit.

Status: 2/14/2012 – This bill was introduced and read for the first time on 2/14/2012. It was sent to the Rules Committee for assignment.

SB 1078 (Evans) State Lands: Delinquent rent program: state park revenue generation program

Summary: Existing law requires the State Lands Commission to take various actions with regard to the administration and control of, including the management and lease of, state lands. This bill would require the State Lands Commission, no later than April 30, 2013, to develop and implement a plan to collect delinquent rents and renegotiate expired and undervalued leases for state land and properties under the State Lands Commission's control. The bill would provide for the loan of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to be made available to the State Lands Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop and implement the plan.

The bill would require that any revenues received by the Commission from the collection of delinquent rents and the renegotiation of expired and undervalued leases for state lands be deposited into the Delinquent Rent Collection Program Account in the General Fund, which the bill would create. The bill would require all revenues received by the State Lands Commission from the collection of delinquent rents and the renegotiation of expired and undervalued leases for state lands and property be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to repay the above-described loan to the State Lands Commission to develop and implement the plan, and for allocation to the Department, in specified amounts, for specified purposes relating to the study and implementation of park revenue increase studies and revenue generating programs, as prescribed.

The bill would require the Department, until January 1, 2016, to develop and implement a pilot program intended to increase existing revenues and develop new sources of income at individual units of the State Park System, as prescribed.

Status: 2/14/2012 – This bill was introduced and read for the first time on 2/14/2012. It was sent to the Rules Committee for assignment.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Background

The Federal Legislation Update includes the addition of H.R. 7: American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 and S. 1813: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act. These bills would reauthorize and/or reform the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Below are excerpts and brief summaries of these and other pending federal bills the OHMVR Division is tracking.

Other than the above additions, there have been no changes to the status of the federal bills listed below as of the December 1, 2011 OHMVR Commission meeting. Note, the House of Representatives bills are listed first with Senate bills following, unless there are corresponding bills; in these instances the House and Senate bills are listed consecutively.

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES BILLS

SAFETEA-LU – Background Information

Summary: SAFETEA-LU authorized the federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for 2005-2009. The Act expired on September 30, 2009 and has been operating on a series of short-term extensions since then. This legislation covers a variety of highway and transportation programs as well as the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

RTP: The RTP represents a portion of the federal motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use. Taxes generated by fuel used for off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation – by snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and so forth – fund the RTP. \$370 million was provided from 2005 through 2009 to continue the RTP. This program provides funds to states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for purposes that include motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. These funds benefit various forms of recreation including hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and OHV recreation.

The RTP is administered in California by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Non-motorized projects are administered by the Department's Office of Grants and Local Services while motorized projects are administered by the OHMVR Division. The RTP provides essential support and funds annually for recreational trails, trail maintenance, and trails-related projects all over California.

H.R. 7 and S. 1813 would reauthorize and/or reform the SAFETEA-LU.

H.R. 7 (Mica, R-FL): American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012

Summary: This bill authorizes funds for Federal-aid highway, public transportation, highway, and motor carrier safety programs. This bill also contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

RTP: H.R. 7 would extend the RTP for four years (2013-2016), and fund the program at \$85 million for each of those fiscal years.

Status: 2/2/2012 – This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Committee consideration and Mark-up Session was held. The bill was ordered to be amended by the Yeas and Nays: 29-24.

S. 1813 (Boxer, D-CA): Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)

Summary: This bill is a two-year funding authorization that specifies funding for certain transportation programs. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

RTP: Dedicated funding for the RTP program would be eliminated, instead giving states the option of dedicating a portion of their transportation funds to enhancements programs like RTP.

Status: 2/9/2012 – This bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The bill was considered in Committee, bill text was revised, and then recommended to be considered by the full Senate. Committee reported amendments were agreed to by unanimous consent. Approved by the Committee by an 18-0 vote.

H.R. 242 (Herger, R-CA): To clarify the implementation and enforcement of Subpart B of the Travel Management Rule relating to the designation of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicular use, in administrative units of the National Forest System in California, and for other purposes.

Summary: The purposes of this bill is to clarify the implementation and enforcement of Subpart B of the Travel Management Rule (36 C.F.R. 212), relating to the designation of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use, in administrative units of the National Forest System in California. This bill contains other related provisions.

Status: 1/26/2011 - Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 848 (Alexander, R-LA): Requires the U.S. Forest Service to accommodate, to the extent consistent with the management objectives and limitations applicable to the National Forest System lands at issue, individuals with mobility disabilities who need to use a power-driven mobility device for reasonable access to such lands.

Summary: Directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), through the Chief of the Forest Service, to require Forest Service personnel, in the implementation of off-road vehicle management under the Forest Service Travel Management Rule, to endeavor to accommodate individuals with mobility disabilities who would need to use a power-driven mobility device for access to such lands.

Status: 3/9/2011 - Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public lands as well as the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 1996 (Lumis, R-WY) / S. 1061 (Barrasso, R-WY): Government Litigation Savings Act

Summary: The Government Litigation Savings Act revises provisions of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) with respect to the award of fees and other expenses of cases brought against the federal government, and to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the EAJA, in addition to multiple other provisions. Following are summaries of some of the relevant additional modifications to the EAJA.

- Requires that EAJA filers must show a direct and personal monetary interest in the action to be eligible for payments. Direct and personal interest includes personal injury, property damage, or unpaid agency disbursement.
- Removes the net worth eligibility exemptions granted to 501(c)(3) organizations for access to EAJA funds. With this provision, any organization regardless of tax status filing for EAJA reimbursements must have a net worth of less than \$7 million.
- Establishes a cap of \$175 per hour for attorneys fees, pegged to inflation. All multipliers are removed.
- Caps total EAJA reimbursements to \$200,000 for any single action, and allows no more than three EAJA awards in a calendar year.
- Establishes an online, searchable database for funds paid out of the EAJA and to whom the funds were paid.
- Requires the GAO to conduct an audit of EAJA payments over the last 15 years.

H.R. 1996 Status: 11/17/2011 – Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial, and Administrative Law. Committee consideration and Mark-up Session was held and was ordered to be amended by the Yeas and Nays: 19-14.

S. 1061 Status: 5/25/2011 – Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 2584 (Simpson, R-ID): Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012

Summary: This bill makes appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies for fiscal year 2012. The bill includes many amendments that de-fund administration, environmental, and public land priorities. Pertinent amendments include provisions that would not allow relevant agencies to expend funds to implement programs, including the following:

- **Blocks Forest Service Travel Management:** Prohibits the U.S. Forest Service from implementing Travel Management Plans in California until completion of an assessment of unauthorized routes. It further limits the classification of certain forest roads.
- **Blocks Wild Lands Secretarial Order:** Prohibits funding for the Wild Lands Secretarial Order announced by Interior Secretary Salazar December 2010. Proponents of the Secretarial Order argue the Order is a reiteration of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requirements for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management of federal lands with wilderness characteristics.
- **Requires BLM Notification of Land Exchanges:** Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to require BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to provide written notification of land exchanges to adjacent landowners.
- **Blocks EPA Greenhouse Gas Standard for Automobiles:** Prohibits funding for the EPA to develop or finalize a new greenhouse gas standard for automobiles after model year 2016.
- **Blocks Endangered Species Act Designations:** Prohibits funding for Endangered Species Act listings or critical habitat designations.

Status: 7/28/2011 - Reported out of House Appropriations Committee. Work on the bill stalled during consideration of more than 185 separate amendments when the House broke for August recess; this bill was left as unfinished business.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 2852 (Bishop, R-UT) / S. 1524 (Hatch, R-UT): Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011

Summary: These bills make grants of land to the following western states in lieu of receiving, for the support of the common schools, 5 percent of the proceeds of the sales of federally owned land within such states which have not been sold by the United States as of January 1, 2011: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

These bills also makes the amount of land granted to each state 5 percent of the number of acres of federally owned land within that state as of January 1, 2011. The legislation requires land selected to be held in trust to be sold or leased and the proceeds to be used only for the support of public education.

Department of Interior's position: The Department of Interior strongly opposes HR 2852 for a number of reasons. Following is an excerpt from the Department's Subcommittee testimony.

If H.R. 2852 were enacted, Americans would lose not only the monetary benefits but also the immeasurable benefits that can come from lands managed for the enjoyment of and use by all Americans. These include big and small game hunting opportunities, wildlife viewing, and a broad range of recreation opportunities from backpacking and camping to the use of OHV's on remote trails to sand rails on the sand dunes. Additionally, the public could lose forever the rich historical and archeological diversity of the public lands, unbroken expanses of wildlife habitat, as well as the rural West's contribution to the nation's culture. Our public lands should be managed for the public good and be held for the benefit of future generations.

H.R. 2852 Status: 9/22/2011 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources as well as the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee hearings were held on September 22, 2011.

S. 1524 - Status: 9/8/2011 - Referred to Senate Committee. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS

H.R. 41 (Issa, R-CA): Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011

Summary: This bill designates approximately 7,796 acres of land in the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego County as wilderness and incorporates those lands into

the Agua Tibia Wilderness. In addition, this bill designates approximately 13,635 acres of land managed by the BLM in San Diego County as wilderness and incorporates them into the Beauty Mountain Wilderness. This bill also prescribes where the development of recreational facilities will be. This bill contains other related provisions.

Status: 10/25/2011 – Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Subcommittee hearings were held on October 25, 2011.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 113 (Dreier, R-CA): Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act

Summary: This bill expands current wilderness areas by designating approximately 72,000 acres of National Forest land in California as wilderness. The Act incorporates specified proposed wilderness additions into the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests in California and sets forth provisions regarding private property and water rights protections and permissible activities in such additions. In addition, this Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to assess a specified maintenance backlog in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests; and requires completion of studies regarding the potential addition of portions of the San Gabriel River, San Antonio Creek, and Middle Fork Lytle Creek in California to the national wild and scenic rivers system. This bill contains other related provisions.

Status: 10/25/2011 – Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Subcommittee hearings were held on October 25, 2011.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 1581 (McCarthy, R-CA) / S. 1087 (Barrasso, R-WY): Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

Summary: These bills release public lands administered by the BLM pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 that have not been designated as wilderness and identified by BLM as not suitable for designation as wilderness from further study for wilderness designation. These bills also make such lands no longer subject to the Act's requirement pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness.

In addition, these bills release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that have not been designated as wilderness and were not recommended for designation as wilderness as a result of the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II) or the subsequent revision of a land resource management plan, from further study for wilderness designation. These bills also make System lands no longer subject to management to maintain roadless character and values.

H.R. 1581 Status: 7/26/2011 – The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. A subcommittee hearing was held on July 26, 2011. The bill was also referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry on 5/11/2011.

S. 1087 Status: 5/26/2011 - This bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

S 138 (Feinstein, D-CA): California Desert Protection Act of 2011

Summary: Amends the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to, among other things: (1) establish or designate national monuments, wilderness areas, a special management area, and off-highway vehicle recreation areas; (2) release specified wilderness study areas; (3) adjust national park and preserve boundaries; and (4) specify land withdrawals, exchanges, and acquisitions. Also amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate specified segments of rivers and creeks as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Status: 1/25/2011 – Referred to the Senate Committee. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*** No changes have occurred as of the October 14, 2011 Commission meeting.**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: NATIONAL MONUMENTS

H.R. 302 (Foxy, R-NC): Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act of 2011

Summary: Requires the President, prior to designating a national monument, to obtain a state's approval for a monument located on federal land within the state. The bill also bars the Secretary of the Interior from implementing any restrictions on the public use of a national monument until the expiration of an appropriate review period providing for public input and state approval.

Status: 9/13/2011 - Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Subcommittee hearings were held on 9/13/2011.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 758 (Nunes, R-CA) / S. 407 (Crapo, R-ID): National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2011

Summary: Requires land reserved as part of a national monument to be confined to the smallest area essential to ensure proper care and management. These bills bar the President from issuing a proclamation to designate a national monument before end of a 30-day period beginning when language of the proposed proclamation is provided by the President to Congress, Governor of each state, and specified local and tribal government officials having jurisdiction over land within the proposed monument. It also requires at least one public hearing and notice and comment period after issuance of a proclamation to designate a national monument. Requires the President to report to Congress on any hearings held, any written comments received, and impact of such designation on communities within monument boundaries, the nation's energy security, and interests, rights, and uses associated with the land within the monument. The legislation also makes a Monument proclamation ineffective two years following its issuance, unless approved by an Act of Congress. The legislation sets forth additional procedures for the designation of national monuments under the Act.

H.R. 758 Status: 9/13/2011 – Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Subcommittee hearings were held 9/13/2011.

H.R. 407 Status: 2/17/2011 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

H.R. 817: To amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes (Herger, R-CA)

Summary: Amends the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require, in addition to a presidential declaration, congressional approval prior to the establishment of a national monument. This legislation also prohibits the further extension or establishment of national monuments in California except by express authorization of Congress.

Status: 9/13/2011 – Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Subcommittee hearings held on 9/13/2011.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

S. 122 (Vitter, R-LA): National Monuments Act of 2011

Summary: Provides for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

Status: 1/25/2011 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*** No changes have occurred as of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting.**

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Tentative State Legislative Calendar 2012

TENTATIVE STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2012

Second Year of 2011-2012 Biennial Session

January 1, 2012	Statutes take effect
January 4	Legislature reconvenes
January 10	Budget must be submitted by Governor
January 13	Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills introduced in 2011 for referral to fiscal committees
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 20	Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house in 2011
January 27	Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
January 31	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2011
February 20	President's Day
February 24	Last day for bills to be introduced
March 29	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment
March 30	Cesar Chavez Day observed
April 9	Legislature reconvenes
April 27	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees
May 11	Last day for policy committees to hear and report nonfiscal bills to the floor
May 18	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 4
May 25	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor introduced in their house Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 4
May 28	Memorial Day
May 29 – June 1	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose
June 1	Last day to pass bills out of house of origin
June 4	Committee meetings may resume
June 15	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight
June 28	Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 6 General Election ballot
July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills to the floor. Summer recess begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has passed
August 6	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
August 17	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor
August 20-31	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose
August 24	Last day to amend bills on the floor
August 31	Last day for each house to pass bills. Final recess begins on adjournment
September 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1
November 30	Adjournment <i>sine die</i> at midnight
December 3	2013-14 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon
January 1, 2013	Non urgency statutes enacted on or before October 2 take effect